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KELCHNER DOLES OUT BULLETS IN NORMANDY

Another REAer who participated in the initial landings on the Normandy beaches was Capt. Charles L. Kelchner, on military furlough from REA's Management Division. In a V-Mail letter to the Roll Call, Charlie says: "My entire company participated in the preliminary operations on the coast of Normandy. We handled and supervised the handling of large quantities of ammunition in initial beach dumps and in the present large Ammunition Depot where we are now working.

"Things have cooled off considerably for us; nevertheless, that slit trench is always handy.

"I visited Cherbourg the other day - - - not bad! Montbourg and Valognes are really in ruins." Charlie's address is 618th Ord. A. M. Co., APO 230, c/o Postmaster, New York City.

DADDY IDE - CAPTAIN IDE - ONE AND THE SAME

Two big things have recently happened to Herbert Ide. First, he became the daddy of Janet Eileen Ide. Second, he was promoted from 1st Lieutenant to Captain. Writing from Patterson Field, Ohio, Herb says: "I've been wishing myself back in England especially since the invasion began. But a transfer in the Army is usually for the convenience of the Army and not the soldier. . . . How about some mail from some of my buddies in Co-op Operations?" (HQASC, Box 801, Patterson Field, Ohio.)

KNOWLES IS BACK FROM ANOTHER JAUNT

Another tale of adventure has been received from Lou Knowles, REA's lone representative in the Maritime Service, and a worthy rival of Burton Holmes because of his almost endless globe-trotting.

This time Lou has just come back from another convoy trip to England. The only sad part of the whole journey came when his ship had to weigh anchor at Sydney, Nova Scotia, just two hours before a dance that had been arranged by the local contingent of WRNs.

"In Manchester, I saw the Belle Vue Gardens, which contains an excellent zoo; however, many of the animals had been removed. I got a glimpse of the Coronation Ballroom and visited the amusement park which is just like the Highlands in St. Louis.

"The English are great lovers of vaudeville (so that's where it went!) and I saw several interesting shows. At one theatre, I was late in finding my seat and the comedian cracked a couple of jokes at my expense."

Lou's back in Dangor, waiting for his next assignment. Oh yes, the cargo on the last trip was T. M. T.

IT'S TOUGH ENOUGH

for Uncle Sam to run his Post-Office these days and the Roll Call doesn't want to make it tougher. So, if the address on the front of the envelope that brings you this issue of the Roll Call is incorrect, please take the time to drop us a card with your correct military address so we can keep our records up to date and, at the same time, give Uncle a helping hand.

Our address is 840 Boatmens Bank Building, St. Louis 2, Missouri. Thanks!!



COLUMN WRITE!

Cliff Kurth is in complete charge of the V-Mail Station in New Guinea. . . Bruce Watkins, on a little island in the Pacific, goes to the main base every two weeks. The opportunities there, he says, are: 1) go to the bar 2) go to the show 3) sleep all day. . . "Sammy" has a Hall of Fame in his office. Pictures of 13 of the 26 Tech Standardites in uniform are hanging on the wall. He's waiting for the other 13 to send theirs in. . . Zelda Krinowitz has been transferred from Santa Monica to Atlantic City. . . Wilbert Clark reports three difficulties in France: 1) no women 2) he can't speak

French 3) "the boys play too rough." On his first night over there he had to run a goat out of his fox-hole so he could get some sleep. C'est la guerre. . . Ernie Rushmer is on a Pacific atoll. Says he "There's a portable Diesel here that must have been stolen from some needy co-op!" . . . George Scherrer was on hand at Princeton recently when Secretary Forrestal got his honorary LL.D. . . Walter Wolff has been on the staff of five successive commanding officers at Camp Sutton, N. C. He's post adjutant there now. The Army Signal Corps sent us his photo. . . Julius Strojny is the latest to leave Tech Standards for the Army. . . Glenn O. Rendall is Radar Maintenance Officer at the Alliance (Mob.) Army Air Base. One night, at a bingo game, he ran into Frank Ledbetter, another REAer. Frank was later transferred to Malden, Mo. . . Aside from too much mud and mosquitoes, New Guinea is satisfactory to Will Lewis. . . Norma Lewis, WAC, dropped in today. . . Houston Lay says that he is being groomed for possible duty as a C. O. on one of the (unmentionable) Navy ships. He's down in Little Creek, Va., now. Edith Johnson is doing commissary work for the Coast Guard in Seaside Heights, N. J. Recently saw brother-in-law George Dall, also REA. George told her that he had bumped into Bob Weber. It's a small you-know-what. . . If Harry Fein and Al Gerber read these lines, let this be fair warning: they both have the same APO number (7953) and hence should be somewhere in each other's vicinity. . . Jim Oberholtzer and several other Lieutenants have been sent up to General Electric in Schenectady to supervise the preparation and publishing of technical manuals on some new equipment the company is making. . . Tom (Smiles) Roman's mother sent us his address and we sent the three Roll Calls that the Post Office had returned. Now if we would only hear from Robin Lett. He's got six waiting for him. . . Violet O'Neill, now in REA's Associate Solicitor's Office, has a hero brother. Seems that a 500 lb. bomb failed to drop from a comrade's plane while both were flying over France. It dangled precariously. Lt. Bob O'Neill eased his wing under the other plane until it knocked the bomb loose. The bomb started rolling along O'Neill's wing. Quickly, he dipped the wing and the bomb then plunged into enemy territory. . . Sam Finkelstein writes from Italy that the Italian farmers have electricity on their farms and like it very much. Sam has seen the Rock of Gibraltar, Mt. Aetna, Mt. Vesuvius, the Isle of Capri and other land-marks. . . Jim Beatty is in a South Carolina Navy Yard and Ken Barry is in Sardinia. . . A long low bow to Darrell Johnson for those nice compliments on the R. C. . . Art Frank writes from the Pacific area that things aren't so easy as when he was stationed in Hawaii. Art has been kept on the move for a long time. Every letter he writes carries a new address. . . AMATEUR CARTOONISTS!!!!!! SEND US YOUR CARTOONS. ANY SIZE, ANY SUBJECT. WE'LL REPRODUCE 'EM IN THE ROLL CALL,

COING UP

Tech Sgt. Thomas T. Ronan
1st Lt. Glenn O. Rendall
Capt. Henry F. Ledbetter
F. C. 3/c Edward R. Knight
Lt. Evans H. Benedict
Lt. (jg) Edgar H. Parsons
Capt. Herbert A. Ide
1st Lt. Billy Dove
Ensign Edith R. Johnson